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1. この見解書は次の内容を含む。

- ☒ 第I欄 見解の基礎
- ☐ 第II欄 優先権
- ☐ 第III欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解の不作成
- ☐ 第IV欄 発明の単一性の欠如
- ☒ 第V欄 PCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明
- ☐ 第VI欄 ある種の引用文献
- ☐ 第VII欄 国際出願の不備
- ☐ 第VIII欄 国際出願に対する意見

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第I欄 見解の基礎

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- c. 提出時期 ☐ 出願時の国際出願に含まれる
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4. 補足意見:

国際調査機関の見解

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第V欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についてのPCT規則49の2.1(a) (i)に定める見解、
それを受ける文献及び説明

1. 見解

新規性 (N)	請求の範囲	1-10	有
	請求の範囲		無
進歩性 (IS)	請求の範囲	1-10	有
	請求の範囲		無
産業上の利用可能性 (IA)	請求の範囲	1-10	有
	請求の範囲		無

2. 文献及び説明

【文献】

- JP 2001-170884 A (ソニー株式会社)
2001. 06. 26
- JP 8-86272 A (オリンパス光学工業株式会社)
1996. 04. 02
- JP 5-184531 A (オリンパス光学工業株式会社)
1993. 07. 27
- JP 6-6991 A (工業技術院長)
1994. 01. 14
- JP 5-76599 A (オリンパス光学工業株式会社)
1993. 03. 30

【説明】

この国際出願の各請求項の発明が特徴とする下記の点は、上記いずれの文献にも記載されていない。

高分子ゲルに電極を内設した複数のゲル/電極複合体の電極間に電圧を印加することによって、高分子ゲル内のpHを変化させ、複数のゲル/電極複合体の体積変化を起こすようにした点

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1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
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[Explanation] The following aspect characteristic of the subject matter of each claim of this international application is not described in any of the documents listed above. By applying a voltage between electrodes of a plurality of gel/electrode complexes having electrodes provided in a polymer gel, pH in the polymer gel is changed to cause a change in volume of a plurality of gel/electrode complexes.		